

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

Reuben W. Price,	300 00
Abram Dow,	250 00
George Rowe,	584 00
Stephen F. Knowles,	585 00
George W. Randall,	600 00
John R. Beckman,	590 00
Edward A. Gove,	300 00
Hial F. Eaton,	288 50
Abbott A. Locke,	300 00
John Locke,	300 00
William Boynton,	600 00
John N. Brown,	300 00
William Beckman,	300 00
David Chase, Jr.,	300 00
John Chase,	300 00
Joseph S. Lane,	360 00
James Smith,	300 00
David Chase,	300 00
Elihu Dow,	300 00
Samuel Walton, Jr.,	300 00
Lowell B. Dow,	600 00
Thomas Boyd,	300 00
Charles A. Smith,	300 00
David Boyd,	300 00
Frank Brown,	300 00
Charles B. Sanborn,	300 00
Charles H. Sanborn,	3,279 00

\$34,575 97

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Lavina Chase, support Hannah Smith 1 year, ending March 20, '65,	\$75 00
Caroline Beckman, support her family 1 year ending March 20, 1865,	100 00
Mehitable Eaton, for her support, ending March 20, 1865,	25 00
Betsey Fowler, for her support, ending March 20, 1865,	7 00
Joseph Marshall, for support Margaret Bean, 1 yr. end'g March 20, '65,	39 00
Sarah Dow, for support Isaiah Dow, Jr., 1 year, ending March 20, '65,	55 00
Isaiah Dow, for support Elizabeth Eaton, 1 yr. ending March 20, '65,	38 00
Jacob Rowe, support of Washington Cilley, 16 weeks at \$3. a week,	48 00
George S. Dow, support of Washington Cilley, 11 weeks and 2 days,	39 50
John D. Locke, support of Washington Cilley, 8 weeks,	18 78
John L. Chase, support of Washington Cilley, 9 weeks and 4 days,	26 31
Jonathan Dearborn, medical attendance on Washington Cilley,	24 00
F. W. Smith, for clothing to Washington Cilley,	3 75
Miriam Cilley, for her support,	9 00
Jonathan Dearborn, medical att. Daniel Follansbee's family, small pox,	18 00
Samuel Rowe, support of Samuel Brown, 5 weeks in his last sickness,	21 00
For coffin to Samuel Brown,	5 00
Moses Dow, digging grave for Samuel Brown,	1 50
Belcher Brown, to shaving Samuel Brown,	50
Edward D. Eaton, support of Mary A. Eaton, 1 yr. end'g Mar. 20, '65,	26 00
Dr. Cyrus Dearborn, medical att. on John O. Eaton, Betsy Fowler and Mary A. Eaton,	13 50
David A. Titcomb, to goods delivered to Edward D. Eaton at the time his family were sick with small pox,	20 05
D. A. Titcomb, goods delivered to S. Rowe,	2 00
Samuel Rowe, board of William Rowe four weeks at \$2.00 per week,	8 00
Rhoda Fowler,	3 00
For two coffins for William Cilley's children,	9 75
Henry M. Hardy, digging two graves for Cilley children,	4 00
Nancy Souther, to cleansing house of Edward D. Eaton, of small pox,	2 00
Rosemond S. Rowe, support of Betsy Page ten weeks,	18 00

Paid for coffin and robe to B. Page,	8 00
Belcher Brown, digging grave for B. Page,	2 00
David F. Boyd to Newburyport for coffin to B. Page,	2 00
Bryant Eaton, goods dld. to family John Colby Eaton, 5 wks. at \$2.,	10 00
Simeon E. Dow, goods dld. to family of John Colby Eaton, 1 week,	2 00
Dr. Reuben W. Price, medical attendance on B. Page,	3 75
" " " " D. Brown,	4 50
" " " " 167 vaccinations,	41 75
" " " " return of 20 deaths,	1 00
Sally Fowler house rent for Rhoda Fowler,	10 00
" " " " Mary A. Fowler,	9 09
Ezekiel Collins " " " "	1 00
Newell Brown for wood to Miriam Cilley,	5 50
" " " " Samuel Rowe,	9 00
" " " " Sarah L. Brown,	7 50
David Gove " " " "	4 00
Jeremiah B. Green, " " " "	6 75
" " " " Samuel Rowe,	7 50
Moses Eaton for wood to Edward D. Eaton,	2 80
" " " " Nancy Eaton,	2 50
" " " " Betsy Fowler,	1 62
" " " " Rhoda Fowler,	3 25
" " " " Mehitable Eaton,	2 50
Robert Collins " " " "	9 00
" " " " Nancy Eaton,	9 50
" " " " Betsy Fowler,	4 62
" " " " Mehitable Eaton,	9 50
" " " " Polly Fowler,	3 17
" " " " Phebe Eaton,	1 75
Lucy Brown, support of Sarah L. Brown to March 17, 13 weeks,	13 00
Henry M. Hardy, support of David Brown to March 14, 28 weeks,	67 00
Samuel Cochran, support of David Brown, 23 weeks,	46 00
Charles Dow, house rent for Phebe Eaton,	10 00
Charles Fogg, goods delivered to Mary A. Stackpole,	2 00
Benjamin Rowe, support of S. Rowe,	20 00
Joshua Eaton, support of John O. Eaton, and funeral expenses,	20 00

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COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid N. H. Asylum for H. G. Bagley, one year ending Jan. 31,	\$183 53
Eunice Wright for support of Mehitable Souther,	35 00
Funeral expenses of M. Souther,	12 00
Dr. Cyrus Dearborn, medical attendance on M. Souther,	3 00

\$233 53

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid John Weare, District No. 1,	\$10 51
David F. Boyd, District No. 3,	3 15
D. A. Titcomb, District No. 7,	2 31
R. Collins, District No. 8,	4 93
Moses Eaton, District No. 9,	2 29

\$23 19

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid William H. Noyes, 340 feet plank, at \$16 per M,	\$5 44
S. S. Walton, for repairing highway last year,	1 70

\$7 14

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid State Tax,	\$1,425 00
County Tax,	536 40
Stephen M. Gove, School District No. 1,	70 00
Arthur Rowe, " " " 2,	184 00
Calvin Buswell, " " " 3,	184 00
Charles A. Smith, " " " 4,	184 00
Charles S. Dow, " " " 5,	184 00
David F. Boyd, for making and recording taxes,	15 00
William H. Huse & Co., printing last year's accounts,	14 00
Edwin Eaton, Superintending School Committee,	15 00
Thomas Lane, Jr., note and interest,	882 00
Balance on Francis Beckman's note,	43 95
Sally Fowler, note and interest,	187 24
John B. Tuttle, " " " "	404 40
Sumner Beal, " " " "	333 50
N. Winslow and T. J. Clark, note and interest,	1,082 70
Lowell B. Dow, note and interest,	1,037 06
William A. Eaton, " " " "	257 50
John W. Dodge, " " " "	1,033 50
Charles Lunt, " " " "	2,069 66
Charles R. Gove, on note,	32 00
Stephen Osgood, interest on A. L. Bailey's note,	60 00
John S. Janvrin, two year's interest on note,	24 00
John Chase, one year's interest on note,	30 00
Jonathan Walton, Jr., interest on note,	45 50
Elizabeth H. Morrill, interest on E. L. Fullington's note,	60 00
Salisbury and Amesbury Savings Institution, interest on note,	240 00
T. J. Clark, interest on H. G. Fullington's note,	60 00
David Chase, on note,	100 00
Josiah Gove, interest on note,	31 00
David Chase, Jr., " " " "	35 17
Seth Clark, " " " "	300 00
John Philbrick, " " " "	22 00
William Sanborn, " " " "	33 00
Charles R. Gove, on note,	50 00
William F. Gove, on note,	120 00
Nathaniel Chase, on note,	15 00
Nancy Eaton, on note,	50 00
Aaron Boyd, on note,	20 00
Almon Eaton, on note,	32 25
John M. Weare, furnishing substitutes and volunteers,	80 00
William Boynton, " " " " 1863,	19 50
Joseph Dow, heating Town Hall,	2 00
F. Grant, surveyor's books,	40
N. H. Robie, services as auctioneer,	1 00
Jackson & Co., expressing and tax book,	1 80
Revenue stamps and stationery,	16 00
Abbott A. Locke, serving as Town Clerk,	15 00
Robert Collins, collecting taxes,	100 00
Auditing accounts,	2 00
Interest on money hired,	66 00
Charles H. Sanborn, his notes and interest,	2,342 26
" " " " and N. F. Dow, notes and interest,	589 79
" " " " and Charles Brown,	589 79
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	\$15,328 31

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

Paid Robert Collins, appraising and assessing 7 1-2 days,	\$11 25
Perambulating tow lines,	4 50

Newburyport and Amesbury Mills, to hire money,	2 25
" " " to pay note,	2 25
" " " after coffin for W. Cilley's child,	2 00
Two journeys to Concord to settle State Aid bill, the Asylum bill } and in relation to Navy enlistments,	20 00
To Portsmouth to get the roll reduced, 6 days,	12 00
To three journeys to Exeter to settle county pauper bill,	6 00
Serving as Treasurer,	25 00
Doing Town business,	40 00
Charles H. Sanborn, appraising and assessing, 4 days,	6 00
To Concord on account of soldiers,	10 00
To Portsmouth four times, " "	8 00
To Amesbury, " "	1 60
" " pay interest on note,	1 00
Three days perambulating town lines,	4 50
Fares to Portsmouth for three men,	3 00
Doing other town business,	30 00
David F. Boyd, appraising and assessing, 6 1-2 days,	9 75
To Family Aid bill, " "	5 00
Record of births and deaths and militia roll,	3 50
Making invoice to send to Concord,	1 50
To Amesbury, " "	1 25
Two days perambulating town lines,	3 00
Doing town business,	25 00
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	\$238 35

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED OUT.

District No. 1,	\$4 66
" " 3,	2 02
" " 7,	5 18
" " 9,	7 49
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	\$19 35

ABATEMENT OF TAXES BY THE SELECTMEN.

Poll Tax of James P. Fowler, for the year 1863,	\$3 30
Samuel Rowe, jr., over-taxed, 1864,	3 60
David A. P. George, " "	7 20
John Walton, Poll tax " "	4 32
John O. Eaton, " 1858,	2 98
William Cilley, " " "	2 98
" " " 1859,	1 95
Benjamin Perkins, over taxed, 1864,	1 80
Josiah Gove, over-taxed, real estate,	1 80
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	\$29 93

STATE AID FOR THE FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS.

To wife and 4 children of Moses B. Knowles, Mar. 14, '64, to Mar. 1, '65,	\$138 00
" 3 " John S. Janvrin, " "	138 00
" 2 " James A. Wright, " "	138 00
" 3 " Abel Eaton, " "	138 00
" 3 " Francis Beckman, " "	138 00
" 2 " Alfred B. Dow, " "	138 00
" 3 " William R. Knowles, " "	138 00
" 3 " John E. Randall, " "	138 00
" 2 " Webster Brown, " "	138 00

To wife and 5 children of Albert Gove,				138 00
" 4 " Nicholas Gynan,			" "	138 00
" 5 " George H. Perkins,			" "	138 00
" 4 " William Rowe, Jr.,			" "	138 00
" 3 " John B. Tuttle,	Jan. 14,	"	"	162 00
" 1 " Lewis S. Lamprey,	March 14,	"	"	70 00
" 0 " George Brown,			"	46 00
" 0 " Charles L. Brown,			"	46 00
" 0 " William T. Osgood,			"	46 00
" 1 " Robert C. Eaton,			"	92 00
" 1 " Samuel Eaton, 3rd,			"	72 00
" 0 " Charles W. Eaton,			"	46 00
" 0 " Charles Hastings,			"	46 00
" 1 " Abner L. Eaton,			"	82 00
" 1 " John W. Perkins,			"	92 00
" 2 " Robert Eaton,			"	92 00
Ezekiel Collins and wife,				92 00
John Janvrin			"	92 00
William Eaton			"	92 00
Edward D. Eaton			"	59 00
Mary A. Janvrin,			"	46 00
Betsy Souther,			"	46 00
To wife and 1 child of James C. Green from	Feb. 1,			104 00
" " John Green,	March 14, to July 11, '64,			15 00
To wife and 7 children of Sewell B. Fowler, Mar. 14, '64, to Dec. 1, '64,				102 00
" 1 child of Jacob E. Brown,	"		"	68 00
" 1 " William H. Sanborn,	"	Aug. 1, '64,		18 00
" 0 " Sumner Beal,	"	May 1, '64,		6 00
From May 1, 1864, to March 1, 1865:—				
Paid Thomas Felch,				40 00
Mariam Cilley,				40 00
James Foster,				40 00
Carrie E. Gibson, to July 1, 1864,				8 00
Wife and 1 child of Abram Dow, from Sept. 1, '64, to March 1, '65,				24 00
" 5 " George Rowe,	Feb. 1,	"	"	12 00
" 1 " George W. Randall,	"	"	"	6 00
" 0 " Stephen F. Knowles,	"	"	"	4 00
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				\$3,610 00

AID TO DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

Paid John L. Green,	\$48 00
David S. Tilton,	24 00
Jacob E. Brown,	24 00
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	\$96 00

BOUNTY PAID TO RE-ENLISTED VETERANS.

Paid William R. Knowles,	\$300 00
Moses B. Knowles,	300 00
Robert F. Collins,	300 00
William A. Eaton	300 00
Abel Eaton,	300 00
Charles W. Eaton,	300 00
John W. Perkins,	300 00
Joseph P. Blaisdell,	300 00
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	\$2,400 00

BOUNTY PAID TO VOLUNTEERS.

Paid Reuben W. Price, three years,	\$300 00
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Abram Dow, three years,	300 00
Alvin Gove, three years,	300 00
George Rowe, two years,	600 00
Stephen F. Knowles, two years,	600 00
George W. Randall, two years,	600 00
John R. Beckman, two years,	600 00
Edward A. Gove, one year,	300 00
Hiall F. Eaton, one year,	300 00
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	\$3,900 00

BOUNTY PAID TO SUBSTITUTES FOR ENROLLED MEN.

Abbott A. Locke,	\$300 00	Samuel Walton, Jr.,	300 00
John Locke,	300 00	Thomas A. Dow,	300 00
Robert Souther,	300 00	Lowell B. Dow,	300 00
Warren P. Fowler,	300 00	Thomas Boyd,	300 00
William Beckman,	300 00	Charles A. Smith,	300 00
Jeremiah Chase,	300 00	Henry S. Brown,	300 00
George W. Chase,	300 00	David Boyd,	300 00
Arthur L. Evans,	300 00	Frank Bean,	300 00
John W. Hatch,	300 00	George A. Fogg,	300 00
James Smith,	300 00	John N. Chase,	300 00
Frances M. Bennett,	300 00	Charles B. Sanborn,	300 00
Jeremiah F. Chase,	300 00		<hr/>
John D. Locke,	300 00		\$7,500 00
Elisha Dow,	300 00		

FOOTINGS BROUGHT FORWARD.

Expenses of Town Paupers,	\$1,024 19
County Paupers,	233 53
Roads and Bridges,	7 14
Breaking Roads,	23 19
Contingent,	15,566 68
Non-resident Highway Tax worked out,	19 35
Aid to families of soldiers,	3,610 00
Bounties paid soldiers,	13,800 00
Abatement of Taxes,	29 93
Aid to discharged soldiers,	96 00
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	\$34,409 99
Whole amount of receipts,	\$34,575 97
Whole expenditures,	34,409 89
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Balance in the Treasury,	\$165 98

We, the subscribers, have this day examined the Selectmen's accounts for the year ending March 20th, 1865, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and a balance in the treasury of \$165.98.

MOSES EATON, }
DAVID GOVE, Jr., } AUDITORS.

Seabrook, March 9, 1865.

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES.

Money hired since March 20, 1864,	\$22,524 40
Due Jonathan Dearborn, note and interest,	113 00
David Chase, Jr., note and interest,	586 30

Due	Seth Clark, note and interest,	2,000 00
	David Batchelder, note and interest,	1,060 00
	David Chase, note and interest,	2,120 00
	James Sanborn, note and interest,	1,600 00
	Josiah Gove, note and interest,	300 00
	Joshua Janvrin, note and interest,	320 00
	Jonathan Walton, Jr., note and interest,	300 00
	Charles W. Noyes, note and interest,	335 00
	Nathaniel Chase, note and interest,	250 00
	Joseph P. Jones, note and interest,	224 00
	Aaron E. Boyd, note and interest,	200 00
	John S. Janvrin, note and interest,	200 00
	Stephen W. Chase, note and interest,	112 00
	Comfort Stanwood, note and interest,	112 00
	E. L. Fullington, note and interest,	1,000 00
	H. G. Fullington,	1,000 00
	Abner Bagley, note and interest,	1,000 00
	Salisbury and Amesbury Savings Bank,	4,000 00
	John Philbrick, note and interest,	300 00
	W. H. Sanborn, note and interest,	575 00
	W. F. Osgood, note and interest,	500 00
	C. R. Gove, note and interest,	500 00
	George Brown, note and interest,	400 00
	J. F. Boyd, note and interest,	640 00
	Almon Eaton, note and interest,	300 00
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		\$42,571 70

CR. By amount of property owned by the Town:—		
Common Island,		\$400 00
Dow Marsh,		200 00
Eaton Marsh,		50 00
Gravel Land,		100 00
J. Eaton Land,		50 00
Pound and Lot,		15 00
Town Hall,		1000 00
Due from the State on State aid Bill,		3024 00
" " Assignment for Volunteers,		2325 00
" " County,		3 00
" " A. Felch, jr., and J. Beckman		11 40
" " Newell Dow,		17 62
Money in the Treasury,		165 98
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		\$7,362 00

The amount of debts against the town,	\$42,571 70
The amount of money due the town and the amount of property owned by the town,	7,362 00
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Balance against the town,	\$35,209 70

ROBERT COLLINS, } Selectmen
CHAS. H. SANBORN, } - - of
DAVID F. BOYD, } Seabrook.

REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF SEABROOK,
FOR THE YEAR 1864—65.

Your Committee, in compliance with former usage and the requirements of statute law, would submit the following report on the condition of the several schools in this town.

Fellow citizens,—On reference to the School Registers, it is found you have made very few visits to the schools the past year, as compared with some years heretofore, which is indicative of inattention to the present condition of your children, and disinterested as to their future prospects. Your presence in the school-room often, even uninvited, would be pleasing to the teachers and highly gratifying to your children. In so doing you would not only witness the success of the schools, but would be prepared to make any suggestion to your Committee, that might be the means of rendering them still more successful, who would kindly solicit your co-operation, especially those of influence in the cause. And further, your presence would awaken a grateful pride for the notice taken of them, for their standing as scholars and for their love and respect shown to the teachers, and thereby create a just emulation so necessary in such schools for a rapid advancement. Some such manifestation on your part is apparent, to raise them from their present condition, as will be seen by carefully perusing the following:—

DISTRICT No. 1.

Stephen M. Gove, Prudential Committee. H. Maria Dow, Teacher. Wages \$21.

One term of 11.4 weeks; No. of pupils, 14; average attendance, 11; not absent one day, 1; number attended to penmanship, 11; arithmetic, 13; grammar, 1.

During each visit to this school it appeared very orderly and studious, and at the closing examination there was evidence of

improvement, particularly among the younger ones. But Miss Dow informed me that for a few weeks she had been unable to control the larger ones; why they became unmanageable she did not state; probably there was no just cause. Miss Dow's qualifications are well known to me, and the circumstance of teaching her first and second terms of the same school in Salisbury, was a good recommendation. When teachers are competent, it is wise in parents to see that their children obey the rules of the school, particularly in *your* school where you are under the necessity of employing a female to prolong the term.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Arthur Rowe, Committee. Sarah E. Gillespie, Teacher.—Wages, \$24.

Summer term of 18 weeks. Whole number 56; average, 43; not absent one day 2; attended to penmanship, —; to arithmetic, 32; grammar, 14.

The children in this school appeared very respectful to their teacher, orderly, attentive in reading, quick in spelling and thoughtful in recitation. Improvement commendable. Miss Gillespie had governed this school 8 1-2 months with pleasing firmness, to the satisfaction of the Committee, and he has reason to believe her labors were well appreciated by the parents.

Winter term of 8 weeks. Julia A. Fremont, Teacher. Wages, \$25. Whole number, 57; average, 44.55; not absent one day, 4; attended to penmanship, 33; to arithmetic, 40; grammar, 13.

This term closed unexpectedly, and the Committee did not review the school near its close in order to judge of its proficiency, but presumes it closed with similar results to that of the summer term in district No. 4, taught by the same teacher.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Calvin Buswell, Committee. Ellen A. Leavitt, Teacher.—Wages, \$24.

Summer term of 14 weeks. Whole number, 64; average, 47.36; not absent one day, 5; attended to penmanship, 23; to arithmetic, 27; grammar, 2.

The behavior of this school was orderly, and it made some improvement, but seemed to lack in energy, owing in part doubtless to a deficiency in text books. Miss Leavitt is an experienced and well trained teacher, and when she has the materials and fixtures to operate with, will succeed well; but does not seem inclined to labor very hard where there is any want of preparation.

Winter term of 10 weeks. Edwin Eaton, Teacher. Wages \$37. Whole number, 68; average, 52.82; not absent one day, 8; attended to penmanship, 37; to arithmetic, 42; grammar, 5.

The teacher and scholars of this school have been on very friendly terms; and he has labored to govern them kindly, to interest them, to assist them and to improve them as much as circumstances would allow. As regards their advancement, and the ability of the teacher to effect the same, the Committee submits to the judgment of the parents in the district.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Charles Smith, Committee. Julia A. Fremont, Teacher. Wages, \$20.

Summer term of 16 weeks. Whole number, 93; average, 71; not absent one day,—; attended to penmanship, 20; to arithmetic, 56; grammar, 11. Miss Fremont has had some experience in teaching smaller schools, (I think she told me) and she tried hard to succeed well in this, but it seemed too large for her executive ability. The school at first was turbulent. She introduced exercises in singing, calisthenics and gymnastics, as I inferred to gain their favor. The Committee suggested that very little time should be spent in that way as in his opinion children would seek and find out door exercise enough for recreation; but she continued to practice it too much for general satisfaction. Some individuals progressed very well.

Winter term of 9 weeks. John L. Cilley, Teacher. Wages, \$40. Whole number, 79; average, 59.5; not absent one day, 5; attended to penmanship, 36; to arithmetic, 61; grammar 9.

Mr. Cilley is an experienced teacher, and I think has usually given good satisfaction, but I must say he did not keep this school in good sailing trim. The younger scholars appeared indifferent, and careless generally in recitation. Some progress was made, but your Committee could not discover an amount of improvement desirable to you, parents in the district.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Charles S. Dow Prudential Committee. C. Augusta Sawyer, Teacher. Wages \$21.

Summer term of 6.5 weeks. Whole number in attendance, 101; average, 84.42; not absent one day 21; attended to penmanship, 16; to arithmetic, 20; grammar, 1.

This term of school was under the instruction of Miss Sawyer 6 1-2 weeks only. Soon after commencement I found it very orderly and well regulated. What progress was made in so short a time the committee is unable to state, as the school closed in consequence of sickness—he was informed—and before he was made aware of the time of its closing. Miss Sawyer is a competent and faithful teacher, and it is presumed you very much regret her services were not retained for a greater length of time.

Winter term of about fifteen weeks. Joseph A. Fogg, Teacher. Wages \$32. Whole number, 63; average, 47; not absent

one day, 2; attended to penmanship, 16; to arithmetic, 22; Grammar, 2.

At one time this term there was a little outside pressure upon the rules established and punishments inflicted by the teacher, but it soon relaxed without serious difficulty; and I would say to the credit of Mr. Fogg, he has kept you a very quiet and orderly school. During three visits in this school a little gloominess was observable which is not so encouraging as sprightliness among children, but the term is comparatively long, being still in session; and the committee is hopeful of fair progress for a school of this description taught by an inexperienced teacher.

A few years since your attention was called to the propriety of building another school-house or furnishing an assistant teacher in the one you have; and I renew the call hoping you will devise some means of bringing your children into school. For it is lamentable to say that only a few more than half the pupils in your district have been at school this winter. Think me not indiscreet when I say, you are bringing up your children to be fit subjects of the State Reform School, or eventually, to become inmates of the Penitentiary.

Several school-houses in town are badly out of repair and cold; the defect should be remedied before another winter, for the comfort and convenience of your children.

The Committee is of the opinion that some change in books is necessary, especially in arithmetics, for a better and more thorough progress in the science of numbers. Most of these books in use are old and much worn, and a more modern system would be preferable. Children should be suitably armed and equipped for the conflict in which their minds are to be engaged, otherwise they will be retarded in their pursuit, demoralized, and forego much they anticipated to accomplish. Children need their parents' sympathy and encouragement to be respectful, dutiful, and studious in school. Teachers command your respect and support in all they lawfully and reasonably do. Parents that are hasty sometimes condemn teachers for acts misrepresented, and thereby uphold their children in deceiving them and falsely accusing and abusing the teacher. Such would do well to study their own interest, the welfare of their children, and cherish a friendly feeling toward the teacher and the school. If books are not better supplied in some instances it may become necessary for the committee to furnish them and pass the bills into the hands of the assessors.

In closing this report of somewhat disconnected sentences, your Committee would respectfully say he has been as brief as possible in conveying a just and reasonable idea of the state and condition of the several schools.

EDWIN EATON,
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Seabrook, March 1, 1865.